The state's repression against the Palestine Conference shows that the German government does not want us to address and prosecute its complicity in the genocide in Gaza. While the German government shamelessly supports genocide in plain view of the world, democratic rights here in Germany are being undermined to silence protests from Jews and Palestinians who demand a ceasefire and raise their voices for an end to the occupation of Palestine.

Yesterday, the Palestine Conference was stormed and banned by the police. The decision is wrong and dangerous. The ban should alarm everyone who stands for democratic freedoms, anti-racism, and human rights.

The police argue that there is a risk of "incitement to hatred, anti-Semitic chants, glorification of violence, and violence." Instead of following the principles of the rule of law and punishing these only if a crime has actually been committed, here the presumption of an authority beforehand is enough to enforce a ban on the event. They interrupted the livestream of the video of the scientist Dr. Salman Abu Sitta after 1.5 minutes and stormed the venue. No forbidden statements were made, the police acted with complete arbitrariness.

Additionally, Dr. Ghassan Abu Sitteh was denied entry into Germany yesterday. He was detained at Berlin Airport. Dr. Ghassan Abu Sitteh is not the same person as Dr. Salman Abu Sitta, which even confused media representatives in Germany. He is a Palestinian doctor specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery and is the rector of the University of Glasgow. During the horror of the Israeli bombing of Gaza, Abu Sitteh spent 43 days in Gaza with "Doctors Without Borders" and worked at Al-Shifa Hospital. He wanted to share his experiences at the congress. It is scandalous that even the personal experiences of doctors in Gaza cannot be talked about here.

Two members of the Jewish Voice association were arrested by the police. Unfortunately, we are already accustomed to such images: Jewish people in Germany being arrested for

protesting against the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Palestinians are already under general suspicion of anti-Semitism, but here in Germany, Jews can also be labelled as "anti-Semitic."

In the repression against the Palestine solidarity movement, the ban on the congress marked a new level because the fundamental right to freedom of opinion and assembly was not only restricted but completely suspended for several days.

And these are just selected highlights of the repressive behaviour of the police and the state. If asked how to make the congress internationally known, this would have been a good answer.

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser praises the police for their tough action at the congress, while international organisations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have already heavily criticised the police's behaviour on behalf of the German state. Germany is under strong criticism for its brutal intervention and banning of the Palestine Conference. The international media landscape is shocked and puzzled, now comparing Germany to countries like Turkey or Russia. We are examining legal measures and continue to ask for donations in this context. You can find the information on our website.

We call for a demonstration against the ban on the Palestine Congress.

Come today at 2:00 p.m. to the Neptune Fountain! We will not be silenced!

We still demand:

- The lifting of the ban on the Palestine Congress
- An end to the criminalization and repression of the Palestine solidarity movement in Germany. Immediate cessation of any criminalization of Palestinian organizations and individuals, as well as all deportations.
- Immediate cessation of all military, diplomatic, and economic support to Israel by the German state as well as a comprehensive military embargo.
- Full reparations from Israel, Germany, and other allies to the Palestinian people.
- Rejection of the use of the IHRA definition by any institutions or state authorities.
- Immediate lifting of any restrictions on humanitarian aid to Gaza and full funding of UNRWA.
- Immediate opening of all border crossings from Rafah to Allenby. Tear down the apartheid walls.
- Immediate ceasefire, immediate withdrawal of the Israeli army.
- Enforcement of the right of return of Palestinian refugees and an end to over 76 years of Zionist settler colonialism and ethnic cleansing of the entire occupied Palestine.

Germany supports genocide, and we accuse it as such!!!!